

Crafts

Craft: Felt Counting Sheep

Objective:

This hands-on craft helps students understand Numbers 15, where offerings were presented in specific numbers, by creating a fun project involving counting.

Materials List:

- White felt sheets
- Black felt sheets
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes
- Cotton balls
- Cardstock or thick paper
- Markers
- Small brown or green paper rectangles (for 'fields')
- Permanent marker or fabric paint (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preparation:

- Cut the white felt sheets into approximately 5-inch oval shapes for the sheep bodies (one per child).
- Cut small black felt circles or ovals for the sheep's heads (one per body).
- Prepare four small black felt rectangles per child for sheep's legs.

2. Craft Steps:

- Step 1: Begin by having each student choose a piece of white felt for the sheep's body.
- Step 2: Glue cotton balls onto the white felt body but leave space for where the head will attach. Encourage students to spread the cotton to give a fluffy effect.
- Step 3: Take a black felt head piece and glue it on top of the sheep's body from step 2. Add googly eyes to make the face.
- Step 4: Attach the felt legs to the bottom of the body using glue. Position them evenly to make the sheep stand properly.
- Step 5: If desired, use a permanent marker or fabric paint to draw a mouth and small ears on the head.
- Step 6: Give each student a piece of cardstock and a small paper rectangle (the 'field') where they can write or number '15' using markers.
- Step 7: Have students glue their completed sheep onto their 'field' so it shows their unique creation and the number 15.
- Step 8: Once everyone has completed their sheep, discuss how each sheep represents an offering in Numbers 15, helping reinforce the lesson with a fun counting exercise. Encourage students to count the parts or features on their sheep (legs, eyes, cotton balls, etc.).

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

This craft reinforces the lesson from Numbers 15 by associating the number 15 with a tangible, creative activity. As students count the different parts of their sheep and prepare their individual "fields," they practice correlating quantities with scripture, thereby improving number sense and

understanding biblical numerology. Additionally, by creating an individual sheep for an offering, students can visually and physically engage with the concepts from the lesson, aiding memory and comprehension.